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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK Photo Contest and the Essay Contest entries must be in by March 25th. Bill Baillie, State Chairman for Montana, reports that response so far is excellent, both on the contest entries and on other activities that are being planned for each community. The entire state committee is exceedingly busy. Mr. Fred Willing, Customer Relations Supervisor of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, member of the state committee, plans to use an NLW cancellation slug for the telephone company to place on all correspondence. A commendable idea!

WONDERFUL NEWS! Germaine Krettek, Director of the A.L.A. Washington Office will be with us for our State Library Association meeting in Missoula May 4-6! With the fine help of Helen Gilbert and C'Ceal Coombs, and with Gerry to share her special knowledge of legislative procedure, we are assured of an exciting conference.

QUALITY INSTRUCTION - KEY TO SURVIVAL is the theme of the 14th Annual Conference of School Administrators, called by Superintendent of Public Instruction Harriet Miller for March 26-28 in Helena. Emphasis will be on how administrators can provide adequate curriculum leadership. We are delighted to report that our good friend Mary Helen Mahar, School and Children's Library Specialist, U.S. Office of Education, is to take part in the program. It is Miss Miller's hope - and ours - that many school librarians will be able to attend with their administrators.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF AWARDS, the American Library Assocaition has named two previous winners as recipients of the Newbery and Caldecott Medals which are presented annually for the most distinguished children's books published in the previous year.

The John Newbery Medal, given annually since 1922 for the "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children" went to Elizabeth Speare for The Bronze Bow published by the Houghton Mifflin Company of Boston, Mass.

The Randolph Caldecott Medal, awarded since 1938 to the artist of the year's "most distinguished American picture book," was won by Marcia Brown for her Once a Mouse...published by Charles Scribner's Sons of New York, N.Y.

"SHALLOW DIGGINS" BY JEAN DAVIS is a fascinating book on the absorbing history of Montana ghost towns, scheduled for May publication by Caxton, price $6.50. Congratulations, Jean, on a fine job!

DIRECTORY CHANGE. Mr. Carl L. Wohlberg was appointed as Trustee of the Helena Library Board, replacing Judson S. Moore. Mr. Wohlberg will serve until May 1, 1965.

THE LIBRARIANS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF LIBRARIES held their regular afternoon and evening meeting on March 2nd in Kalispell. Ruth Longworth attended from Missoula and assisted in plans for the preparation of a written policy for the Federation, and for each participating library. Scheduled for March 15 is a meeting of the Sagebrush Federation of Libraries in Miles City.

"Print is our passport to truth. It opens the richest empire man knows - the empire of the human heart and mind." Excerpt from a statement by two presidents: Herbert Hoover and Harry S. Truman.

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